

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended. Non-elected claims 5-19 have been cancelled. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to file a Divisional Application including claims 5-19.

Applicant notes the Examiner's acknowledgement of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119, and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Hayashi et al. reference (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003-0015733) in view of the Perino et al. reference (U.S. Patent 6,621,155). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

In accordance with the telephone interview conducted on 21 June 2006, the multi-chip package of claim 1 has been amended to feature in combination “an internal pad disposed in a signal path in between the input/output driver and the internal circuit”, as suggested by the Examiner. In view of the acknowledgement of allowable subject matter during the telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the above noted rejection and to acknowledge that claims 1-4 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing explanations, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and reexamine the present application, allow claims 1-4, and pass the application to issue. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Kenneth D. Springer (Reg. No. 39,843) at (571) 283-0720 to discuss these matters.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of two (2) months to 27 June 2006, for the period in which to file a response to the outstanding Office Action.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and

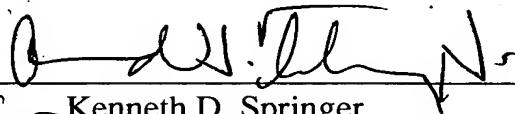
future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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